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TAGS: PGOV, PINR, NP

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

1. PGHE ANNOUNCED JANUARY 15 THAT GON HAD DECIDED TO EXTEND FOR TWO YEARS TERM OF OFFICE OF FINANCE SECRETARY B. B. PRAHAN, WHOSE STATUTORY FIVE YEAR TERM EXPIRED JANUARY 14. TERM OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT SECRETARY RAM CHANDRA MALHOTRA AND ELECTION COMMISSION SECRETARY LAXMAN PRASAD RIMAL, WHOSE TERMS EXPRED JANUARY 13, WERE NOT, HOWEVER, EXTENDED. WORKS AND TRANSPORT JOINT SECRETARY TEJ BAHADUR PRASAI HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS ACTING SECRETARY TO REPLACE MALHOTRA, AND UNDER SECRETARY PADMA LAL KARMACHARYA WILL SERVE AS SECRETARY OF ELECTION COMMITTEE.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS FOR SOME TIME CONCERNING ACTION GON WOULD TAKE WITH REGARD TO OFFICE TERMS OF PRADHAN AND MATBOTRA, AS AMENDMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE ACT PERMITS TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF STATUTORY FIVE YEAR OFFICE TERM OF SECRETARIES. EMBASSY AND USAID OFFICIALS HAVE HAD CLOSE RELATIONS WITH BOTH PRADHAN AND MALHOTRA. BOTH ARE ENERGETIC, EFFECTIVE CIVIL SERVANTS, AND EXTENSION OF PRADHAN IN KEY FINANCE SECRETARY JOB IS WELCOMED BY MISSION. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMED INFORMATION ON ONWARD ASSIGNMENT, IF ANY, FOR MALHOTRA, ALTHOUGH THERE

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HAVE BEEN RUMORES THAT HE MIGHT BECOME EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR OF ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES (RNAC). USAID OFFICIALS  
WHO HAVE HAD DEALINGS WITH PRASAI CONSIDER HIM TO BE ACTIVE  
AND RESOURCEFUL.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON NEW APPOINTEES BEING PREPARED.  
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